

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Certification of Non-Public Schools

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160(3)

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) accept the following recommendations of the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KNPSC) to certify the following schools for the designated time indicated below?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 156.160(3) provides that any “private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.”

At the September 1992 meeting, the KBE approved a process to certify non-public schools. The board certifies schools by accepting the recommendations of the KNPSC. The KNPSC ensures that the schools being presented to the board for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process of one of the twelve state, regional or national accrediting agencies approved for this purpose by the board. Those accrediting agencies are:

- American Association of Christian Schools
- Association of Christian Schools International
- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools
- Association of Montessori International
- American Montessori Society
- International Christian Accrediting Association
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States
- Kentucky Nonpublic Schools Commission
- Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (early childhood)
- National Lutheran School Accreditation
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

The following schools are being recommended:

ONE year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) Accredited by the KNPSC:

Christ the King Elementary
Ms. Karen Thomas
412 Cochran Road
Lexington, KY 40502

Harvest Christian Academy
Mr. John Bower
73 Old Schoolhouse Rd., Box 398
South Portsmouth, KY 41174

Prince of Peace Elementary
Sr. Mary Suzanne Rose
625 Pike St.
Covington, KY 41011

St. Joseph Academy Elementary
Sr. Elizabeth Ann Barkett
48 Needmore St.
Walton, KY 41094

St. Leo Elementary
Ms. Cathy Nuno
239 N. Main St.
Versailles, KY 40383

THREE years (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013) Accredited by the KNPSC:

St. James Academy Elementary
Ms. Robbie Masterson
4049 S. Fifth St.
Louisville, KY 40214

St. Joseph Elementary
Mr. Ron Christensen
6829 Four Mile Rd.
Camp Springs, KY 41059

St. Paul Elementary
Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd
1812 St. Paul Road
Leitchfield, KY 42754

FOUR years (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2014) Accredited by the KNPSC:

St. Thomas Elementary
Ms. Sharon Bresler
428 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

FIVE years (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014) Accredited by the American Association of Christian Schools (AASC):

Anchored Christian School
Ms. Betty Jo Hicks
1807 Cave Mill Rd.
Bowling Green, KY 42104

FIVE years (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI):

Clark County Christian School
Ms. Kristy Marcum
2450 Colby Rd.
Winchester, KY 40391

Portland Christian School
Ms. Jodell Seay
2500 Portland Avenue
Louisville, KY 40212

Portland Christian - East Elementary
Ms. Jodell Seay
12610 Taylorsville Rd.
Louisville, KY 40299

Rose Hill Christian School
Mr. Jerry Foster
1001 Winslow Rd.
Ashland, KY 41102

FIVE years (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA):

Summit Christian Academy
Ms. Margie Johnson
2780 Clays Mill Rd.
Lexington, KY 40503

FIVE years (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015) Accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA):

Our Savior Lutheran School
Mr. Martin Brieschke
8307 Nottingham Pkwy.
Louisville, KY 40222

FIVE years (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015) Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS):

Presentation Academy High
Ms. Barbara Wine
861 S. 4th St.
Louisville, KY 40203

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends the board endorse the above-listed recommendations for certification of the KNPSC.

The KNPSC has worked closely with the KBE and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to establish the certification process for non-public schools. The Commission has appointed a coordinator for the project and monitors the process carefully before making the recommendations presented here.

The schools listed above have successfully completed the accreditation processes conducted by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission or the accrediting associations approved by them.

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